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SUBJECT: DRAFT MEXICO DECLARATION

1. TANCO HAS PROVIDED DELEGATION WITH QUOTE OFF THE
RECORD END QUOTE COPY OF DRAFT MEXICO DECLARATION OF THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT BUREAU IS PUSH-
ING TO HAVE DOCUMENT HELD FOR DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS AT
SESSION BEGINNING JUNE 12. DRAFT INCLUDES MANY OF THE
POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH CAUSE US DIFFICULTY IN
VARYING DEGREES AND WHICH WERE CONVEYED EARLIER TO EXECU-
TIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH AND WALTERS IN WRITING. SINCE IT
WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST OF OUR EARLIER OBJECTIONS
COULD BE ACCOMMODATED AS DRAFT EVOLVED, WE ARE DISAPPOIN-
TED AT OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT AND WORKING TO HEAD IT OFF.

2. SOME OF THE OBJECTIONABLE PARTS AFFECT EUROPEAN COM-
MUNITY FAR MORE THAN US BUT ARE LIKELY TO BE DESRUPTIVE
TO OUTCOME OF MINISTERIAL SESSION IF THEY CANNOT BE DIS-
POSED OF THIS WEEK. DELEGATION CONSIDERS PRESENT IN-
STRUCTIONS ADEQUATE AND WILL WORK WITH BUREAU AND SELECTED
MEMBERS TO TRY TO MAKE DRAFT DECLARATION ACCEPTABLE.
WALTERS IS DIFFICULT TO APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE, POSSIBLY
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FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

3. PARTS OF 20-PAGE DRAFT THAT ARE LIKELY TO PROVE CON-
TENTIOUS TO VARIOUS DELEGATIONS REFER TO:

(A) TWO REFERENCES (OVERKILL) IN SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS TO
PRODUCTION CUTBACKS WITHOUT MENTION OF OTHER OFFSETTING

MEASURES,

(B) QUOTE DAC COUNTRIES END QUOTE BEING URGED TO INCREASE CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE -- TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION \$8.3 BILLION NEED ANNUALLY, OF WHICH \$6.5 CONCESSIONAL -- AND DEVELOP PLANS TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS TO DOING SO,

(C) OPEC AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH DAC JOIN IN FORMULATING WAYS TO OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS,

(D) THAT THE BUREAU AND WFC QUOTE ESTABLISH ARRANGEMENTS END QUOTE FOR (B) AND (C) ABOVE AND ALSO A PROVISION FOR THREE REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC FOOD PRODUCTION AND NUTRITION PROPOSALS --- TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL QUOTE FOR SOLUTION END QUOTE.

(E) THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO CALL A CONFERENCE OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF DAC, AND OPEC AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS,

(F) THE WFC TO CALL AN QUOTE INTEGRATING CONFERENCE END QUOTE OF THESE VARIOUS GROUPS (ABOVE) IN FEBRUARY 1979 TO IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, (G) THE COUNCIL QUOTE ADOPTS END QUOTE THE GOALS OF RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUCING THE PERCENTAGE OF SEVERELY UNDERNOURISHED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM PRESENT ESTIMATED 25 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT IN 1990, TO REDUCE SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE PROTEIN-ENERGY MALNUTRITION OF CHILDREN UP TO AGE FIVE BY FIVE TO TEN PERCENT ANNUALLY, AND TO ERADICATE WITHIN A DECADE VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY AND XEROPHTHALMIA,

(H) PRIORITY ACCESS IN NEW IWA FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A PORTION OF NEW IWA EARMARKED FOR POOR, FOOD DEFICIENT IMPORTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

(I) PROVISIONS TO ENABLE LDC'S TO PARTICIPATE IN GRAIN RESERVES, INCLUDING SPECIAL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE OF RESERVES,

(J) THE BUREAU TO WORK WITH LDC'S TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS TO ENSURE (I) (ABOVE),

(K) THE UNGA ESTABLISH THE IEFER ON CONTINUING BASIS WITH QUOTE ANNUAL END QUOTE REPLENISHMENT QUOTE AVAILABLE TO WFP END QUOTE WITH CHANGE IN NAME TO QUOTE EMERGENCY FOOD FACILITY END QUOTE,

(L) COUNTRIES INDICATE QUOTE AMOUNTS OF CEREALS END QUOTE
TO BE QUOTE AVAILABLE THROUGH EFF END QUOTE SO THAT 500,000
TONS ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY. PREFERABLY CONTRIBUTIONS
SHOULD BE INDICATED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE,
(M) URGES DC'S TO ADJUST SECTORS OF THEIR AGRICULTURE AND
MANUFACTURING ECONOMIES, RECOMMENDS DC'S PARTICIPATING IN
GATT MTN TAKE ACCOUNT THEIR COMMITMENTS IN TOKYO DECLARA-
TION, MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT REDUCE TRADE BARRIERS AFFECTING
LDC'S, AND

(H) DIRECTS TANCO TO CONSULT GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO AND
DURING UNCTAD V TO FURTHER ABOVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS (M).
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